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THE INDUSTRIAL AREA OF SHIH-LI-P'U IN THE NORTHWEST

Chiang Ti-lei, in a travelogue article, reports small industrial installations in a mountain cave. 7

Shih-li-p'u is located 10 li east of Pao-chi. The industrialize ion of this district was begun one year after the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese War, when the Shen-hsin Company in Hankow moved most of the equipment of its four factories into a mountain cave here. The cave was then equipped with the latest scientific safety, air-conditioning, and lighting devices to withstand enemy bombing. The top of the mountain forms a plateau over 100 mou in area, where the workers' quarters are located. A narrow path leads from this area to the factories.

The Shen-hsin's four factories include a paper mill, flour mill, pottery factory, and ironworks. The paper mill, which began operations in 1941, supplied 90 percent of the paper in Ch'ang-an during the Sino-Japanese War. The flour mill, which is not as large as the Cheng-feng Flour Mill in Ch'ang-an, and the pottery factory, which also began operations in 1941, supply a portion of the local need. The Shen-hsin Company also has it own farm of about 300 mou in a nearby area; the farm produces enough animals, fowl, and vegetables to feed the company's 3,000

The Min-k'ang Cotton Mill and two other flour mills are also located in Shihli-p'u.

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